

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih IV. On 26th April 1996

Say to My servants who have believed that they should observe prayer and spend out of what We give them both secretly and publically before there comes a day wherein there will be neither bargaining nor friendship.

The Holy Quran. Abraham: 32.

Today it is 26th April and this day bodes ill and is also blessed because it proved inauspicious for some and blessed for others. On 26th April 1984, Zia ul-Haq the military Dictator of Pakistan confiscated the freedom of the Ahmadiyya Community by passing a barbaric ordinance with intent to injure their freedom of conscience. Every possible effort was made to stop the Ahmadiyya Community announcing the truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and not only was their tongue restricted but efforts were made to restrain them to the extent that if an Ahmadi appears to be a Muslim it would be a punishable offence. After this day all Pakistan's blessings were taken away one by one all. Everything that was good deserted Pakistan. Every virtue, every quality began deserting Pakistan and now it has become such a centre of discord that friend can no longer trust friend, nor can an enemy be expected to show any hint of human dignity. No such area of human value is remaining which would ward Pakistanis from depriving their fellow Pakistanis from the violation of human values. Even to imagine the story of the cruelties that are taking place in Pakistan today makes one's hairs stand on end.

I admonish my nation and its dignitaries in whom any dignity is remaining that they should at the very least ponder about where the root of all these crimes lie. The root of all these evils lies in the decision taken on 26th April. A strong proof of this is that the person who undertook this operation in the name of God, in the guise of a servant of Islam, was smashed to smithereens by God's destiny and it left nothing of his that could remain behind as a memento. He was blasted out of the skies in an ugly furore and every particle of his body mingled with the dust to be blown away by the winds. Only a denture remained as a sign and even that is artificial. Think for once, whether this is how God treats the ones who offer sacrifices for His sake and who defend His faith. Until you change this decision your days will never change for the better.

However this day was also a blessed day for the Community. Its blessings descending from the same sky that blew this person to dust. Whereas this day proved to be an ugly day for Pakistan it has dawned a blessed day for the Ahmadiyya Community because the bounty of MTA is one which also descends from the sky and reaches the ends of the Earth in pictures and sounds. Today I announce that from 26th April the Programs of MTA can also be seen 24 hours [around the clock] in Asia. The Destiny of God simultaneously renders some days ugly and some days blessed. It is such a Sign of truth for the same day to be ugly for some people, blessed for others upon which the people themselves have no control. Only Destiny can hone out such days. There are many great governments and many great organisations but a 24 hour TV service that continuously broadcasts the words of Allah has never existed there before now. I advise the Pakistani Ahmadis who are spread out [living] all over the world

that they pray for their nation and country, for the continuity of Pakistan so that Allah the Almighty may open the eyes of their conscience.

The financial contribution offered by the Community for the grand global system of MTA with such passion and vigorous emphasis on hiding their names has no example in the entire world. People offering hundreds of thousands of Dollars plead and beg that nobody should hear of it. Promises are being received continuously. People keep offering sacrifices. Ladies continue to remove their jewellery and offer it and the subject of this verse is being proved to the world with astonishing truth.

How can one learn to spend in the cause of God and remain silent about it and how should this high moral virtue be safeguarded? The secret to it lies in Divine love. If one makes an offering before God purely for His sake then there is no need to display it because the one being gifted sees the gift and in return one receives the love of God.

The Holy Quran places سِرًّا ['secretly'] first in order to advise that the service offered in secret is the real one and those who make an offering merely for the sake of God their offering عَلَانِيَةً ['publically'] is also safe from all danger and even if they offer openly there are some additional benefits attached to it that serve as an appeal to the negligent people of the nation to make offerings. No offering is better than that made out of love. So continue to measure the satisfaction you derive from the financial offerings you make or the time you spend for the sake of God in your own ways according to your capacities. If you enjoyed it then you could never have done so without love. So offer whatever you can for the cause of God out of a sentiment of tender love. The good of this will be that your heart would never be arrogant in any way because one who offers something for love is always obliged at its acceptance. But if an offering is made for show rather than from love it will consume everything there is of the offering and leave nothing behind.